SARON MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Saron's Mission: ***Joyfully sharing God's love for all!!!***

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Typical Sunday at Saron:

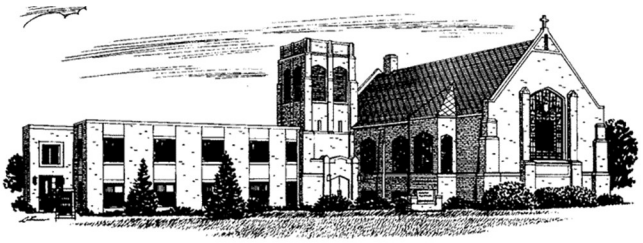
Summer Schedule (**begins May 25, 2025**):
10am Worship
On-Location and via Zoom
Nursery Available
No Learning Hour

Note upcoming schedule change!

Fall, Winter and Spring (**ends May 18, 2025**):
8:30am Worship On-Location
9:40am Learning Hour for Ages 3-Adult
11am Worship with Zoom Option
Nursery Available

We hold in prayer:
The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton,
Presiding Bishop, ELCA
The Rev. Dr. Craig Satterlee, Bishop of the
North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA
The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes

Our Companion Synods:
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras
Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea
Lutheran Church of Latvia



Thankful for Pope Francis

When it comes to Lutherans and the papacy, let's just say that things did not get off to the best start. Distinctly unimpressed by Luther's teaching against indulgences and of justification by faith alone, Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther in 1521. Luther in turn accused the papacy of being the biblical antichrist, a position that is still held by several Lutheran church bodies to this day. If you were to ask many Lutherans throughout the last 500 years, "What's a Lutheran?" they might say, "Well, we're **NOT** Catholic!" And yet, as I write this the day after the death of Pope Francis, it is clear the ice has started to thaw.

I am thankful that the Pope participated in the 2017 ecumenical prayer service in Lund, Sweden that marked the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. His presence, both to mourn division and celebrate the Gospel, spoke volumes.

I am thankful for Pope Francis's more "pastoral" tone involving divisive issues of sexuality and exclusion. It is fair to say that the change in tone often did not result in major changes to church practice or doctrine. Nevertheless, his emphasis throughout his ministry on the church as a "field hospital" in which we lead with the Gospel of love and forgiveness should be a model for our entire society in how to disagree on deeply held convictions with grace.

Finally, I am thankful because Francis is a symbol to me of the wider church. We often buy into a narrative of church decline. Perhaps that is true in America and in Western Europe. But nothing could be further from the truth in places like Latin America or Africa or Asia, where the church is thriving. Pope Francis, an Argentinian, was a living reminder that Jesus's church is wider and more diverse than our immediate field of vision.

Whoever succeeds Francis will have his own strengths and challenges. But my final note is not to judge whoever is elected by breathless initial media reportage. When Francis was elected in 2013, he was supposed to be a short caretaker pope who didn't do much, a compromise. Swing and a miss! So whoever is elected, I plan on giving him a chance and praying for him as a brother in Christ. I hope you'll join me.

Happy Eastertide,
Pr. James

General Information

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor James E. Smith
Monday – Thursday
Hours may vary. Appointments are great!
Amanda Bradley (Admin Assistant):
Mondays & Thursdays 10am-2pm
Ken Boyd (Bookkeeper):
Thursday Mornings and by Appointment
Helping Hands Office Volunteers:
Wednesdays 9:00am-11am (approx)

If you or your loved one is need of a visit or pastoral care, please contact Pastor James at 269-816-3870.

Specific questions or concerns may be directed to an appropriate council member or committee liaison:
President – Fran Bolson
Vice President – Erik Bergh
Secretary – Claudia Staude
Treasurer – Ed Brunner
Worship – Marilyn Frey
Learning – Fran Bolson or Scott Gaspari
Outreach – Jim Manore
Facilities – Steve Cook or Ed Brunner
Youth – Chuck Knebl
Support – Jim Manore or Ed Brunner
Hospitality – Merrily Smith or Claudia Staude

Caring and Sharing

Happy Birthday Wishes to Saron's Members!

5/2 John Hoodlebrink
5/3 Brooklyn Huff
5/4 Andrew Fortenbacher
5/6 Charlene Baumgartner
5/9 Dennis Lundgren
5/11 Kelli Christman
5/12 Andrew Stankiewicz
5/13 Jenna Henderson
5/15 Kathie Bradley
5/16 Lauria Caple
5/19 Monica Freemire
5/19 Nora Lewis
5/22 Connor Ashley
5/22 Laura Chaddock
5/23 Adam Bradley
5/24 Elliot Hooper
5/25 Matthew Bradley
5/28 Marlene Cox
5/30 Benjamin Frey
5/31 David Bradley

Happy Anniversary Wishes to Saron's Members!

5/9 Marilyn & Dale Lucy
5/16 Ann & Ted Dosch
5/21 Pastor James & Pastor Nicole Smith
5/21 K.T. Alexander & Katie Kroening
5/23 Mary Alice & Edward Brunner
5/25 Matthew & Amanda Bradley
5/30 Bob & Mary Kynast

"God's Blessings for a very happy day and year round!"

If there are any omissions from the birthday or anniversary list, or if a date is incorrect, please let us know so we can get it correct in the future!

We are planning to receive new members on Pentecost, June 8! Please help us celebrate what the Spirit is doing here and among us! There will be cake.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Saron or learning more about faith from the Lutheran perspective? If so, contact Pastor James at 269/816-3870 so you can have the discussion and be included! All are welcome here.

FORTIFY & fly

The production of the new signage in complete and it is scheduled to be installed on the outside of the building (alley side) on April 25! Adding this lettering and a cross with the ELCA logo will bring much needed attention to the doors that we now use as the front entrance, especially for those new to the area or for guests at weddings/funerals. We are also currently designing vinyl lettering for the glass on/near the doors with information such as office hours, the pastor's name and service times to make it look more professional and welcoming. With a little luck, we'll have pictures to share soon!

Worship

NEW: ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES

Our new sound system in the sanctuary came with headphones to assist those having difficulty hearing the worship service. If you are interested, ask Marcus if you can try one out.

SENSORY BAGS

As part of extending an unconditional welcome to all, we have Sensory Bags available for use. These bags contain a variety of fidgets that can help someone feel more able to sit quietly and/or focus. We also have noise canceling headphones for those who are sound sensitive. These brightly colored bags can be found in the narthex.

PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to offer your prayer petitions (concerns or thanksgivings) via our attendance cards each Sunday. Requests can also be made online via a link in our Thursday email. You may include as much, or little, detail as you wish. Requests are then given to the Monday prayer group. **You are invited to be part of this Monday group at noon.** We follow a simple format of morning prayer and insert the petitions and prayers for Saron's ministry and the world. You don't even have to pray aloud, if you would prefer to pray quietly. Most weeks we are done in 30 minutes.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sponsor a week by using the link in the weekly email or by contacting the church office. Please note any occasion/thanksgiving to be recognized in the bulletin. **Flowers are now $40 per vase.** Checks are payable to Saron with "Flowers" as the memo. Take them home to enjoy then please **return the vase.**

Nursery

Nursery service is available during worship. In order to utilize the space most effectively, this option is primarily directed towards our youngest members and guests. For preschoolers that need more physical and/or emotional space, activities are available in the narthex, including clipboards with coloring pages and children's bulletins. **It's vital to embrace family units in all stages and as such, we gladly welcome wiggles and giggles in worship!**

The goal of the nursery is to provide a safe environment to facilitate a meaningful worship experience for families. We recognize that may not look the same for all and encourage sharing concerns and suggestions with Marilyn Lucy (269/759-3464). We can also use more volunteers!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to read and reflect on the Scriptures for the day.

May 4: 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30 (11)
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 11: 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23 (1)
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 18: 5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148 (13)
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 25: 6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67 (4)
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23-29
John 5:1-9 {alternate}

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group (middle school & high school age) typically meets once per month after the late service for food, fun and fellowship.

Contact Scott at scottgaspari@outlook.com with any questions or to be added to the email list.

Learning

Saron is a congregation seeking to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, empowered and sent by the Word.

We have many educational options to fit your needs and schedule. Always feel welcome to join us, at any time and for as many sessions as works for you.

SUNDAY LEARNING HOUR

We have opportunities for many ages and stages!

The Sunday Learning Hour (9:40am-10:30am) offers the following options:

- Preschool - Grade 5: Sunday School
- Grades 6-8: Confirmation Classes
- High School - Adult: Adult Forum

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Bible study has wrapped up their study of *Joseph, the Journey to Forgiveness.* After taking a short break, they will transition to meeting on Wednesday mornings! The time will stay the same at 9:30am-11am.

Heartbreak and romance, desperation and abundance, sojourning and home, loss and hope: the short book of Ruth is the biblical love-story that has something for everyone, and it's full of cliffhangers and drama! Join Pr. James and the Wednesday Bible study group at 9:30am in May to explore one of the best reads in all of holy scripture! If you would like to read ahead, our tentative schedule is May 7: Ruth 1—2:16, May 14: 2:17—3:18, May 21: Ruth 3:18—4:22.

The summer schedule will be communicated once it has 100% been decided. Contact Pastor James at 269/816-3870 or pastorjames@saronlutheran.org with any questions.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

We have recently started a new study on the book, *"Why? Looking at God, evil and personal suffering"* by Sharon Dirckx (2021).

Why do bad things happen in our world? In this award-winning book, the scientist author explores some of the most agonizing and bewildering questions we all ask. With warmth and insight, she offers advice to help us cope with suffering as well as difficulties, and interweaves her own experiences and the personal stories of individuals who have faced some of life's toughest challenges, showing us that it is possible to believe in a powerful loving God and acknowledge the reality of evil and suffering.

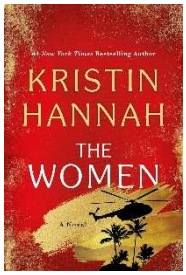
The book is available from Amazon and other retailers. Make sure to get the 2021 version with green & white cover.

We meet Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the upstairs lounge for one hour, then adjourn to a local restaurant for food and fellowship. **All are welcome!**

If you have any questions, feel free to call, text, or email
Don Hafer (269/985-3637, haferdon@gmail.com)
Ed Staude (636/288-1016, staude.edmund@gmail.com)
Eric Standen (269/759-3556, dande-standen@sbcglobal.net)

BOOK CLUB

May 4 at 6:30pm in the upstairs lounge, our book of choice is one of the most recommended books of the year. **The Women** by Kristin Hannah, is an epic tale of coming of age in a dangerous time amidst a divided nation. In 1965, twenty-year-old Frances McGrath joins the Army Nurse Corps to follow her brother to Vietnam. She becomes one of the lucky, the brave, the broken and the lost that comes home to a country that wants to forget Vietnam. Women can be heroes, too. Don't miss this discussion. Don't miss the chance to select the books we will read next. Suggestions will be discussed and decided. Then, don't miss the June edition of the Saron Newsletter where all our choices will be revealed along with the new meeting schedule for the rest of 2025-2026. All who love to read are welcome to be a part of this process. Questions? Call Kathy Cowall (269)428-0354 or kcowall@hotmail.com.



I cannot live without books.
-Thomas Jefferson

FORUM & fellowship

We are starting up again on May 7 & May 21 at 7pm in the upstairs lounge. These two sessions will finish our program year, which has focused on Saron's banner statement*, …joyfully sharing God's love with all!!!* We have looked at who is included in *all* and now we are considering ways in which we can show God's love. Our focus during this part has been Rabbi Sharon Brous's book *The Amen Effect, Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World.* You do not have to have read the book or even own a copy to attend. Each session is designed to be stand alone and is based on discussion and videos.

May 7 will be based on chapters 5 & 6. 'Grieve and Live' It discusses supporting others as they deal with sorrow and learn to balance their grief with celebrating all God has given. 'Hold the Healers' talks about how everyone is 'broken' and cannot go on and on trying to 'heal' others without accepting healing in our own situations.

May 21 finishes up the book with chapters 7 and 8. 'Bear With-ness' Understanding that our work is not to 'fix' but to love. 'Wonder' Be curious about others, especially those who are difficult to understand. Take the time to authentically 'hear' and 'see' them.

Even if you haven't attended the first couple of sessions on this book, you can jump in. We hope to see you. Bring a friend, everyone is always welcome.

Contact Ed Staude at 636/288-1016 with any questions.

Women of the ELCA

DEBORAH CIRCLE

We will meet at 7pm on Wednesday, May 14 in the upstairs lounge. Denise will provide Zoom. That link will be emailed close to the meeting date. The study lesson will be from the January/February 2025 issue of Gather magazine titles (session one) Faithfulness: faith where you are: Ruth and Naomi, p. 16-21. Sally Schmuhl will lead the study. **Contact Melanie at 269/449-8399 with any questions.**

Hospitality

SUNDAY SNACKS

Who doesn't love a snack during a time of fellowship in the narthex? If you would like to be a Sunday snack host, sign up via the link in our weekly email or call/email the office so Amanda can sign you up. Please plan for at least 30 to partake. Thank you!

Outreach

THE BENTON HARBOR SOUP KITCHEN™ HEART-TO-HEART™

Simple food, honestly sourced and lovingly made creates connections, gives fuel to the fight, and starves ignorance and apathy.
-Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen

On March 27 Saron members Jim Manore, Mary Alice Brunner, Deb Standen, and Mary Zylema and friend were busy at the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen preparing & serving lunch. Guests enjoyed ham, brats, chicken, baked beans, slaw & homemade cookies. Thanks to our cookie baker Kathi Anserello. Since the Salvation Army is in the process of closing the building, which houses the Soup Kitchen, the former Lark's BBQ is currently being renovated to serve as the new Soup Kitchen.
During the renovation Saron will be assembling bag lunches at church & delivering them to the Soup Kitchen to be distributed to the guests. If you are able to help with the assembly or provide cookies, please use the link in the weekly email or contact Kathie Bradley at 269-921-4665.

Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry with your time, contributions, and prayers.
Joyfully sharing God's love for all!

NOISY OFFERING

We receive a noisy offering (or those not-so-noisy bills) on the first Sunday of each month. These gifts are sent to ELCA World Hunger.

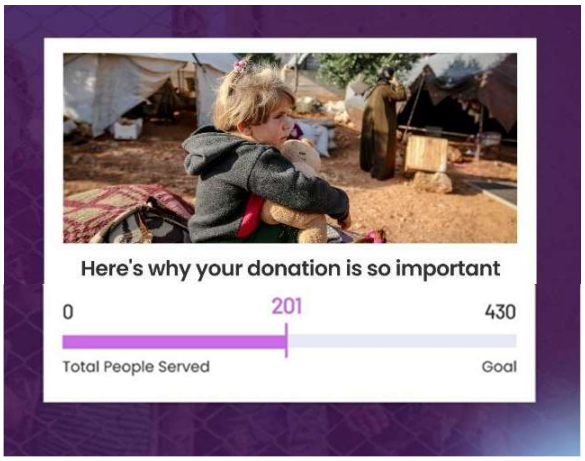
Thank you for your continued support!

SYNOD CONTRIBUTIONS

Where does the money we give to the synod go?
Our Northwest/Lower Michigan ("Mitten") Synod is a 50% synod: that means half of the money parishes send is sent on to the wider church and other ministries. For May, we are highlighting Samaritas, formerly Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, that does a lot of work helping the vulnerable in society, including refugee resettlement in particular.

Their workload is astounding. In 2023 alone, "Samaritas served over 33,629 individuals across all our programs, including 4,434 in family services, 3,547 in refugee services, 1,301 in behavioral health, and 24,347 in our housing program. Our unique approach combines prevention, innovation, and intentional services that achieve self-sufficiency and the dignity of independence [Samaritas Report to NWLM Synod Assembly 2024]."

As with many charitable organizations, Samaritas has been affected by federal budget cuts, in their case to the tune of a $573,000 budget shortfall. The goal is to offset this with private donations in order to continue supporting the settlement of 430 refugees who have arrived in the United States legally. They have raised enough to support 201. If you would like to help more, you can donate online at samaritas.org/refugee-crisis. Thank you for helping us love our neighbors!



Interfaith Action

Interfaith Action (swmichiganinterfaith.org) is a coalition of over 40 faith communities in Allegan, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties. Some members of Saron attend meetings and work with various task force groups. One of the goals of Interfaith Action is to promote understanding and respect for diversity.

The first step in getting involved, is getting informed. Register to receive their communications at https://swmichinterfaith.org/contact1

EYE GLASS COLLECTION

Lions RECYCLE For Sight

Do you have old glasses sitting in a drawer? Lions Club has provided a collection box in the narthex. We have several members who are Lions that can deliver our glasses to the club where they will do more good. Thank you!

INCLUSIVITY TASK FORCE

The Inclusivity Task Force is committed to extending a welcome to all. Our congregation adopted the following welcome statement and is a **Reconciling in Christ** church.

As a community of faith who *joyfully shares God's love for all*, we believe our lives and faith are strengthened by diversity. We strive to be a community who welcomes people of every ability, age, citizenship status, ethnicity, gender identity and expression, language, marital status, political perspective, race, and sexual orientation. We are committed to the work of racial equity. Whatever life's circumstance, we openly welcome and value you. We celebrate God's unconditional love and respond joyfully to your presence here. All are welcome. You are welcome.

If you ever have any questions on our inclusivity journey, please feel free to call any one of the task force members:

Lindsay Gaspari: 847/373-8826 | lindsay.gaspari@yahoo.com
Meredith Gacek: 269/235-4530 | meredithgacek@yahoo.com

Support

The Support Committee typically meets the Tuesday before the third Monday of the month at 8pm via Zoom. Contact Don Hafer with any questions at 269/985-3637.

STOCK DONATIONS

Saron partners with a brokerage firm to accept stock donations. If you would like to donate stock, email Ed Brunner at ebrunner54@gmail.com to receive more information. Thanks!

Facilities

HELPING HANDS (Previously Golden Hammers)

We do all sorts of things from building maintenance to preps for worship in the sanctuary to assembling bulletins and newsletters and so much more. We meet on Wednesdays around 9am and know you are invited – whatever your age, gender, or ability. There is a job for you to use your helping hands.

Miscellaneous Bits of News

NEW PARKING SITUATION

As you probably have heard, the City of St Joseph is making all of the lots on this side of Main Street paid parking. That means the closest lot behind our church where many of us park on Sundays will be **$1 per hour 9am-9pm** during the tourist season. This change will take effect on **May 15**. We will be sending out additional information as it approaches but in the meantime, you can check out **www.sjcity.com/community/page/our-downtown-parking-program** to learn more and download the app.

This is a good time to remind everyone that our limited spots along the back of our building are intended for guests not as familiar with the area and those with mobility issues or young children. If you can walk a bit, please do. Thank you!

There is still time to join our annual Women's Retreat! It will be held on **Saturday, May 3 from 9am to 4pm** at the home of Linda Pater. Our speaker will be Kate Ulrey.

The cost of the day is $15, which will cover breakfast and a late lunch. Along with the lesson, we will have music and free time to enjoy each other's company. This is a wonderful time to get to know each other better. All are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, feel free to call **Linda at 269/369-1178.**

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Saron Lutheran Church Presents:

Grace Notes:
God is with you through the highs and lows!
Saron VBS
Pre-School - 5th Grade
6pm-8pm
Sunday, July 27- Wednesday, July 30

This unique vacation bible school opportunity will explore different aspects of music through Bible lessons, crafts, activities and more! Watch for registration info next month!

May 3 at 9am

Bring gloves, rakes, tarps and anything useful for sprucing up our grounds. The more hands we have, the quicker we can all enjoy the rest of the weekend. Thank you!

Saron Lutheran Church

1875 | 150th Anniversary | 2025

Generations of Serving & Sharing God's Love

Make new memories while we commemorate our past! Plan to attend as many events as possible and please let the lead of each subcommittee know if you'd like to help with the planning and implementation.

May 10: Blossomtime Parade

Hot Dog Lunch Lead: Judi Huff

See more details on the back of the newsletter!

June 20: South Bend Cubs Game

Lead: Kristen Harper

Let Amanda know ASAP if you did not reserve tickets but would still like to go. We *might* be able to help.

July 13: Group Photo

Lead: Scott Gaspari

Commemorative Project

Lead: Marilyn Lucy

August 10: Anniversary Celebration

Worship Service Lead: Marcus Roll

Meal Deco & Program Lead: Kristen Harper

We will have a celebratory worship with Bishop Craig Satterlee at 10am, followed by a meal at Union + Social, a beautiful venue in St. Joseph.

New Church Photo Directory

Lead: Kathie Bradley

Couldn't make our first set of photo days? Secure a slot on our makeup day**, Thursday, May 8**! Every family photographed will receive a free 8x10. There is NO obligation to buy anything. Directories will also be free once they are ready. Use the link in the weekly email or call Amanda at 419/306-5780 to get added to the schedule.

If you can't make that day either, we will be in touch to take your photo after a service or at your home. There is a cost associated with any photo not taken by the company so we are trying to keep that number to a minimum.

History Research, Documenting & Presenting

Lead: Kate Ulrey

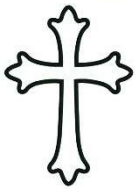
There are new posters with historical information appearing in the narthex throughout the year. We will also be putting as much of Saron's history as we can fit in the new directory.

Pictures of Recent Anniversary Events & Easter!

Scott Gaspari organized a Trivia & Pizza event after church on March 30, to benefit our 150th Anniversary Fund. A great time was had by all, especially the team that won: The Past & Present Prezzes. We are definitely doing this again!

Pancakes with toppings bar, kids running everywhere, bells ringing and an overall atmosphere of joy. Christ has risen indeed!

ALLELUIA!



SARON SENIORS

Mia Bradley

Mia is graduating from Lakeshore High School. She is a Top Scholar (new version of top 10) in her class and earned the level of College Board AP Scholar with Distinction. She will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall, majoring in Microbiology as a stepping stone to graduate studies in Pharmaceutical Research or Genetics. You can see Mia's senior soccer banner on John Beers in downtown Stevensville.

Meredith Gacek

Meredith graduated from Purdue University Global with honors in Health Care Administration. She will be seeking a master's degree in Social Work while continuing to work at Mars Elementary in Berrien Springs, where she worked with her late mother, Laurel.

Congratulations Mia & Meredith! Your Saron family is so very proud of your accomplishments!

Blessing of the Graduates

We will be offering a blessing of graduating seniors on Sunday, May 25 at 10am with a small reception to follow in the narthex.

If you or a member of your family would like to be included with Mia & Meredith, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Whether it is completion of high school or a post-high school program, your Saron family would be honored to commemorate your achievements.

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6pm Bells Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal	**2**	**3** **SPRING CLEANUP!** **9am**
4 8:30am Worship 9:40am Learning Hour 11am Worship with Zoom Option	**5** Noon Prayer Group	**6** 6pm Bible Study	**7** 9am Helping Hands 9:30am Bible Study	**8** 6pm Bells Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal	**9**	**10** **Blossomtime!** Lunch: Noon Parade: 1pm
11 **CONFIRMATION** 8:30am Worship 9:40am Learning Hour 11am Worship with Zoom Option	**12** Noon Prayer Group	**13** 6pm Bible Study 8pm Support Meeting	**14** 9am Helping Hands 9:30am Bible Study	**15** 6pm Bells Rehearsal 7pm Choir Rehearsal	**16**	**17**
18 8:30am Worship 9:40am Learning Hour 11am Worship with Zoom Option Synod Assembly →	**19** Noon Prayer Group 7pm Council Meeting	**20** 6pm Bible Study	**21** 9am Helping Hands 9:30am Bible Study	**22** **SOUP KITCHEN**	**23**	**24**
25 **BLESSING OF GRADUATES** 10m Worship with Zoom Option **(NOTE: Summer Schedule Begins)**	**26** Noon Prayer Group	**27** 6pm Bible Study	**28** 9am Helping Hands 9:30am Summer Bible Study	**29**	**30**	**31**

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2025 Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade

May 10

Join us for our annual pre-parade picnic, beginning at Noon and until we run out of food!

This outreach effort is open to our community and of no charge with a free-will offering collected to benefit our 150th Anniversary Fund. The street in front of Saron is a fantastic place to watch the parade (and our bathrooms are *definitely* a plus).